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The New School to the Old.

A PARABLE.

Fathoms deep, 'neath waves of time,
Here there rose the vesper chime;
Hooded monk breathed sacred rhyme
Of the sacrifice sublime.

Hushed at length the calling bell.
Solitude no more shall tell
Orisons that softly fell
On the ears past knoll and dell.

Pilgrim, holy ground is near;
To a dead world grant a tear;
But a larger life is here,
Life in Spring, than all more dear.

Ruddy strength for offering,
Wills obedient we bring,
Welcome glad to truth we ring,
And in fond communion sing.

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Death sowed once in barren sand
Seeds of life with either hand.
Life that reaps the yellow land
Hence shall fill a further strand.

Death and life again conspire,
This the son and that the sire.
Though the brightness gloweth higher,
One the never-failing Fire.

C. TUNSTALL.

To a Certain Critic.

Such guests as you, sir, were not in my mind
When I my homely dish with care designed;
'Twas certain humble souls I would have fed,
Who do not turn from wholesome milk and bread;
You come, quick trotting, on the narrow way,
O'erturned the food, and trod it into clay;
Then low with discoid nostrils sniffing curt,
Cried, "Sorry, cook! why, what a mess of dirt."

The Relation of Jesus to our Thought of God.

A SERMON BY THE REV. A. A. CHARLESWORTH.

During the week one of the members of this congregation in the course of conversation made some remarks on the disadvantages of our apprehension of the object of religious worship as compared with the orthodox, especially in relation to the teaching of children, that seemed to me highly significant and to contain much truth. He said in effect; the conception of God, the infinite Power and Love, in whom we and all things live and move and have being, is most difficult to grasp. We feel after Him if haply we may find Him, but our thought is vague and somewhat distant from reality. To the orthodox mind, on the other hand, there is a conception most vivid, personal, and tender. For they see Him Himself in Jesus. Jesus is the centre of their faith. To Him they are taught from earliest days to look; and Him they find it easy to love. The appeal to Him goes straight to their heart; and the youngest can believe and reverence. Do we not, he asked in effect, dwell too much, if I may put it so, on God in Himself, too little on God revealed in Jesus? With the result that our faith is cold and unkindling when brought into comparison with the warm enthusiasms of a more personal devotion?

The question at issue is not the Deity of Jesus. Upon that matter none of us have any doubt. It is closed we think for ever. In the most simple and categorical terms we say that Jesus was not God. The question is narrower. Has not Jesus a greater office in our nineteenth

century religion than we appear to allow? Is there not a danger due to the false reverence, as we confidently deem it, of our fellow Christians of ourselves making too little of Him; and have we not, to some extent, succumbed to it?

It is a simple truism, to say that the more real God is to us, the more vividly and clearly apprehended, the more real we shall make Him to others. If our own thought be nebulous we shall speak in vague language that will satisfy at most the few dreamers whose temperament is at home in a world of beautiful uncertainties, to whom the mist is as solid as the firm set earth. Upon the ears of ordinary men our words will fall with the faint suggestion of a mystery unsolved over the burden of an idle tale. What is God to me? Is a question we doubtless find ourselves often asking, perhaps not always answering.

To Jesus He was most real. Should I be far wrong if I said, the one reality? He lived in God's continual presence. In his joy he turned instinctively to thank the Father; in his temptation to gain strength by his self-surrender to a Higher Will; in his death to commend His spirit into the Father's hand. He communed with Him in the silent night-time, and in the busy day He did His will. Because of this unclouded vision, this most sure and convincing thought, dominating His whole mind and informing every action, he was able to make Him real to others, and convince them too. They saw God as He saw; reverenced as He reverenced; loved as He loved.

What was this moving conception? In what way did God reveal Himself to the Master's thought? Was it in His pure being; the Infinite, Eternal One; the Alone? Did He reach beyond all that was human and commune with Spirit Absolute, Unconditioned, with God in Himself as He is for Himself, apart from all creation whether world or man?

It has been reserved for later minds to discover an Absolute that we cannot know. Jesus was entangled in no metaphysical subtleties—and we may be sure that He was not for that reason farther from the truth. He conceived of God in terms of human relationship and feeling. He was pre-eminently the Father; He loved with an undying love; He forgave the sinner, nay, sought after him to find him. Jesus held familiar, if reverent converse with Him, as with a personal Spirit, and believed himself to be entrusted by Him with a peculiar mission to the world. It would be false to say that he regarded Him as a magnified man; but I think it true, that he apprehended Him in relation to himself and the world under the form of the highest human attributes. That which is most essential and noblest in man is a truth of the divine nature.

I do not mean that he argues this out. He did nothing of the kind. He was brought up to believe in God, and he never doubted Him. He was educated in His righteousness and in His love, but his faith became to him more living and intense than to his instructors. His lofty genius refashioned it; it became in the alembic of his thought a new and diviner thing—fitted to pass beyond the narrow confines of Judaism, to challenge and to conquer the world. And this wonderful change was worked, how? It was through the belief he had inherited assuming in his mind a mere human complexion. The idea of Fatherhood, with all that it implies of love and duty, was applied in a wider and more fearless way than ever before. The tender sympathy of God, the yearning compassion, the merciful forgiveness were to him simple facts of experience, and they appealed to the weary and the simple as no abstract teaching could. Their whole souls answered to it; it was that they wanted. It was what they could believe. It is what, when once understood wins its way to any heart.

Was he not right? What creation do we know higher than man? Can we form any conception of a Spiritual existence generically different? We cannot. That which constitutes us men, that which essentially characterises us must be found in that being who is the ultimate reality of all that is. If He be not just that, He is something more and includes it. What He is, is revealed in the forms in which He manifests Himself. We trace the gradual self-disclosure up through the nature to man; and in man we see Him most fully where the ideal is present to all, and with every upward step in civilisation, consciousness of social obligation, humanity and religion growing cleaner, and higher, and more exacting, has its completest realisation. With assurance we can say He is the best we see, though in the enlightenment of coming days we may discover Him to be ineffably more.

If Jesus reached his conception of God, however unconsciously through humanity, ours is

formed consciously on the same basis. We look to man for our truest thought of God; and to that man most who has most fulfilled the possibilities of manhood. It is in Jesus himself that the Infinite Being is fullest revealed. None seriously dispute his right to be called the chiefest of men; none have for him, who really know him, anything but unbounded admiration and reverence. He carries all suffrages captive. Amid the illustrious He is supreme. The Jews themselves, now that the prejudices and mists of centuries have rolled away, are ready to allow that. One of them says, "Hardly any liberal-minded Jew of to-day would refuse the claims of Jesus to be regarded as the greatest man who ever lived." The humble Galilean carpenter has exercised a wider influence on the civilisation of the world than any other teacher or prophet. To Jesus therefore we rightly look for our truest ideas of God—to what he taught, and what he was—in him the two were gloriously inseparable: God is at least all that Jesus was, be He what more He may. Fatherhood, Love, Redemption, Forgiveness, Compassion that He is. What lies beyond we can neither see nor imagine, but the greater includes the less.

Foolish, therefore, must every attempt appear to gain an idea of the Infinite One apart from the consideration of His self-manifestation, and as, carrying that to its highest point apart from Jesus. Speculations as to the Infinite and the Absolute are fine intellectual gymnastics, but they lead us into an abstract world, and away from the living truth which lies close to our minds and heart. To set aside Jesus, to try and construct a religion apart from Him, to endeavour even to apprehend God except through Him penetrated with His ideas and Spirit, appears to me to be not only foolish, but sinning against the light. Here is, if I understand aright, the dividing line between Theists and Christians. The Theist teaches his faith simply by a process of abstract thought; a spiritual existence is a necessary postulate for the existence of the ordered universe and the moral law. The Christian, exercising thought to the full, finds himself yet sitting at the Master's feet, and learning from him of that God who subdues the heart to Himself. We are Christians because substantially our thought of God and life is Christ's thought. Not, of course, because we recognise any authority for it as His, but because for mind and heart, for our whole moral nature, it is Divinely true.

We therefore set Jesus in a peculiar position. It is more accurate to say that we find and recognise him there. He is unique. He has, therefore, our homage and reverence. We look upon him as on no other. He, singled out from all others, becomes the constant companion of our thought; the most powerfully guiding influence in our lives. His thought and example shape our ideas, our relationships, our social spirit. We love him for his love that reached beyond all conventional limits, and all national narrowness, that embraced the whole world. Silently, as we dwell with him, he transforms our life into the Spirit of his own; and that, as we find by inward experience, and its harmonising influence among others, tending to produce in the realm of the soul an order as perfect as that which is found in nature, is the Spirit of God. At one with him, we are at one with God.

More than that—He is no dead Master, but a living Lord. He is still—who can doubt it?—near at hand to all who in His Spirit toil and serve. Yet from the unseen realm he inspires and strengthens and comforts His disciples who are striving amid this darkness, and against the gigantic evils that work havoc in the world he loved and gave His life to redeem. Our love is, therefore, not only for a love that was, but for a love that is to-day; for a Master who is a living personal force as well as an inspiring memory. It is a love, therefore, quick and full and throbbing, capable in those who give themselves to its power, as hundreds do, of awakening all the old devotion, and leading to as full a sacrifice as when the Cross and the arena, to the abounding enthusiasm of that early consecration, had lost all their terror. Therefore it seems to me that for us the central fact of Christianity is the revelation of God in the teaching and the life of Jesus. He is not God indeed, but God's greatest Prophet, the world's holiest seer, humanity's consummation and flower. Let us not make less of him, but more; set him with greater conspicuousness in the forefront of our faith; own him as Master with less faltering and apologetic lip; teach him with greater insistence and more winning fervour as the Way

the Truth, and the Life; bring him to the children, that from earliest years they may grow up under the influence of his gentle Spirit and beautiful affection; above all bear our testimony to him in the world in lives as pure and unselfish as his own.

The Failure of Orpheus.

So nigh to the "path direct" did Dante discover the entrance to Hell, that how first he entered he "scarce could say." A modern dramatist, Mr. Pinero, in a very remarkable play, entitled "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," has shewn that the infernal is not removed a single step from that which is regarded without a tremor by most people as ordinary and familiar; though objectionable, of course, and unmentionable in polite society. He has followed his great master, Shakespeare, in this respect, and, discovering Hell to be here, in the midst of us, has not hesitated to reveal it. Macbeth, before his plunge into its abyssmal horrors, declared his belief in its immediateness and proximity. "We still have judgment *here*." A more notable feature of the modern play above referred to, is the deliberately planned adventure of the hero, who having aforetime descended by the customary avenues of sin, and returned to a shelving and precarious foothold, rendered possible to him by strength of principle as yet unexhausted, determined to re descend; this time for the purpose of rescue. He had met in Hell a lost soul and loved her. It seemed to him a glorious deed to plunge back into the darkness and snatch forth this woman to the light of day, that she might stand in the beauty of womanhood and wifehood, as if that beauty had never been deflowered. So should his own sin be blotted out, and the mercy he showed bless both giver and taker. Here, obviously, is an interesting re-setting of the ancient problem propounded in the story of the quest of Orpheus. One difference only exists between the modern and the ancient hero. In the former the motive of rescue is mixed with a desire to expiate a sin; in the latter love only is mentioned. Even here, however, there is a singular coincidence. Lord Bacon's exposition of the fable shews Orpheus to be representative of the powers that tend to the "re-instatement and restoration of corruptible things;" and the design of Mr. Tanqueray is inspired in part by a rebellion against the society which provides a discord as a condition of the arrangement, or understanding, to be accepted by all who esteem conventions believed to be necessary to our present form of civilisation. He scorns conventionality based upon an agreement to lie, or to be hypocritical about common iniquities. "Respectability" as a cloak to iniquity is hideous to him; to sin and be silent about it is abhorent; to meet virtuous people, to enter into sacred friendships; above all, to attempt to bring up children in honour and purity; these things are too discordant to be endurable to him in whose heart the woful laughter of hell still echoes familiarly. Let us right the wrongs we have committed, he demands, let us transform our vices into virtues, and make that which is impure, pure, by placing it in the wholesome airs of common day. Society is outraged by such a suggestion; scandalised beyond measure. Everyone must accept the discord, and close his ears to it for such times and seasons as he may desire to appear in polite and decent society. That is part of a compact. Mr. Pinero has broken faith with it by this play, but possibly the fact of his having so done may help to make it more binding in the future; for he has demonstrated most forcibly that his hero's failure was as inevitable as it was complete.

"Go back to earth," said Proserpine to Orpheus, "playing and singing as you came, and Eurydice shall follow you; but if, until you pass the gates of Hades, you turn your head to look at her, she shall vanish from you, and descend once more to the realms in which you have sought her." Nearing the light of day the footfalls of the returning Eurydice became audible. Joy at the sound made the rescuer pause at the very portals of the higher life; he gave a glance behind, and with a cry, Eurydice, the crimson flush of earth's day in her face, fell back among the shadows, her form losing its corporeal strength, and vanishing for ever from the flash of his gladdened gaze. This also is part of Mr. Pinero's play. It was as impossible not to glance back upon the past as it was for Lot's wife. If memory were not the Book of Life we bear with us, the leaves of which we must con until the lesson of each is learnt, much might be done in the matter of re-organising our own and

others life. Mrs. Tanqueray in her own words shews this difficulty to be insuperable. "We will get away from this," exclaims the husband, "go abroad and forget!" "We cannot forget," she replies, and the answer is final. There must be a backward glance. The Book of Life must contain an unbroken story, each chapter being woven out of those that have preceded it. Mr. Tanqueray imagined one chapter might be written in Hell, and the rest among virtuously living people; but the life record is made continuous by the compulsion upon all of us to glance behind. Through Hell there may be a way on the hither side out into a brighter sunshine than this of ours; but back from its pains no adventurous Orpheus can lead a single soul, by the ways along which descent was made. Yet if this be one of the meanings of that inscription, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here," those words, Mr. Pinero rightly insists, are not for us to read from the side of apparent safety. The last words of the play are an exclamation full of hope for those in the world about us who desire to help those who have fallen, and they inspire to purposes greater than that of Orpheus, "If I had only been more merciful!"

F. G. S.

Back to School.

The holidays are over! Terrible sentence. Penal servitude, with hard work—on grammar and dictionaries, on Euclid and copy-books—for five calendar months. Hundreds of little hearts this week are swelling, and scores of small chests, we fear, are shaken with sobs at the tragic doom. "Going back to school." An end of pantomimes and Polytechnic; an end of dances and magic-lanterns, and conjurors and mince pies! An end—no, not quite an end yet, of plum-cake; for that true consolation in affliction, being happily of a thoroughly portable nature, has been carefully packed at the bottom of Tom's portmanteau and Kate's trunk to carry back to the dread precincts of Dr. Birchem and Miss Starchley, at least an after-glow of home delights. Even when the cake has gone to that bourne from which the fewer comestibles return the better, the box, and the clothes it contains, will preserve an odour full of tender memories.

"You may empty, may shake out that trunk, if you will,
But the scent of the plum-cake will hang round it still."

Sadly dawns the morn which is destined to see the poor children

"Forced from home and all its pleasures."

Hopes have been cherished for the past week, that a great fall of snow would render travelling impossible, or that a gigantic railway accident would terrify mamma too much to let her entrust her darlings to that perilous mode of conveyance, even the measles, or the mumps, or scarlet fever itself, would have been welcome to keep them at home. As these visions have faded, the passion "which springs eternal in the human breast" has suggested, as the next possibility, down to the very moment of departure, the various impediments of a letter from the master, saying that small-pox has broken out at Dotheboys Hall; no cab to be had; a break-down on the way to the station; too late for the train. Alas! alas!

"One by one the visions leave us,
One by one our hopes deceive us;"

At last we find ourselves whirling at thirty miles an hour to the precise spot on this habitable planet where we the least desire to be present. Some little comfort is found, on reaching our destination, in meeting with schoolfellows, extolling the wonders and glories of the past holidays, unpacking the cake and displaying a new cricket-bat, and a book, or work-box. So far, the twilight of the vacation may be said still to illumine our way, even if it be but feebly. But next morning! That terrible awaking at the sound of the well-known and much destested bell! The cold, the semi-darkness of the wintry morning, the bare-looking room and different dressing apparatus from that of the snug little chamber we have left at home, and then, in all the force of its desolation, the dreadful, dreadful thought that "it is all over"! The holidays which we looked for so eagerly, and at whose approach we made so many calculations of days, and hours, and minutes, on our slate, are things of the past—dead, past, for ever gone—and now, five long, long months, one-and-twenty weeks, one hundred and forty-seven days and a half (to be exact) must drag their length along ere we may again sing, "Home, Sweet Home," or, as boys used to do at schools up the river,—

"Good-bye Richmond: Good-bye Kew;
If you love me, I don't love you."

Alas! alas! such is life at the period of Shakespeare's second age, even though the "satchel" no longer encumbers the hands of the boy who "crawls," or is carried unwillingly to school. Nor need we shut up our compassion for his woes, even though it be hard amid life's sterner cares, to regard them wholly without a smile. As St. Augustine says, pitying himself for being whipped for stealing the pears,—the sorrows of childhood are as great in their way as those of maturity, for they are all that can be felt at the time. By and bye we may perchance all look back upon the separations and disappointments and bereavements of earth, and say, "They were much like the dismal days when we went back to school!" We were divided from those we loved, and we had to do hard work which we did not like, and sometimes we were punished. But, after all, we were glad we were sent to school. And for those whose business it is to send and not to be sent —for pater and materfamilias — this time, with its departures, is somewhat a sad one. Not wholly unmixed sadness we may guess; for though the parental heart yearns over the pale and tear-stained faces of poor Alice and Gertrude, and sympathises painfully with the manful efforts of Frank not to choke as he drinks his last cup of tea, there is a side of the holiday question which renders the conclusion of the vacation not without alleviating circumstances. Girls, indeed, come and go with much fuss or stir—fresh young voices heard trilling at intervals about the house, like birds chirping before going to roost, with a good deal of maternal duty in the way of chaperoning to children's parties and provision of plates of bread and butter calculated on a scale unknown to "those that are of riper years," pretty nearly exhaust the incidents of young ladies' holidays, so far as home order is concerned. When they are gone, the cessation of the chirruping, and the non-appearance of the bread-and-butter Andes, are the only phenomena to be noted. But very different is the state of affairs where four or five schoolboys have come like so many small incarnate tempests, and made the house much what the Temple of the Winds at Athens might have been, had the deities on the frieze managed to get inside. Why is it—we call on all the philosophers to explain—why do boys' boots make more noise and bring more mud along with them than those of half-a-dozen men together? By what acoustic laws do the laughter and talk of boys echo always from cellar to garret? And why, O why, does the masculine creature in its early teens find such exquisite delight in banging doors, tormenting cats, hacking mahogany tables with a penknife, breaking chairs by using them as horses, pulling down bells, smashing crockery, and causing banisters to become evermore unsteady by sliding down them like *Montagnes Russes* from top to bottom? A grave and very fat old gentleman has been leaning mournfully the while on his gouty stick, to argue with his grandson's on these matters, and solemnly to put it to them, "You don't see me sliding down the banisters! What pleasure can it be to you to swing in that unseemly manner upon them? We fear his remonstrances, and even his example of quiescence, were of little avail. It must be owned that the "great hush and golden silence" which follow the driving away of a cab full of these young Britons, is not without some mitigation of regret. Papa and Mamma sitting down to the shortened table, whence all the olive-branches have been removed with the Christmas holly, may exchange sorrowful looks and anxious questionings whether Tom's improvement "last half" justifies them in keeping him at Dr. Canem's, and whether Jane's chest might not be stronger if they were to remove her from the establishment of the Misses Prunes and Prism at Brighton, and send her to Mrs. Crammerwell's at Cheltenham, but into these Councils we need not intrude. We have but to offer our condolences to all parties at the close of these Christmas holidays. Let the departing young ones be comforted! We shall miss them very much. London will be much more quiet, Pantomimes will soon close, and the Polytechnic become a desert. If some gleam of consolation light up our inner homes, when we note the general calm which has succeeded to the storm, and hear puss purring by herself on the rug a little song, which seems to say, "Boys all gone! boys all gone!" they will surely not grudge it. We have done our best to give them "A Merry Christmas," and now they must return to work.

F. P. COBBE.

Manchester College (Oxford) Letter,*

I thought it might interest the readers of the *Seedsower* to know how we spend Sunday at Oxford. I have received the following account of one particular Sunday, which, though somewhat special is fairly typical.

Those who were privileged to hear Dean Farrar at St Mary's on Nov. 24th would surely find it hard to efface the impressions then received. We know not to what degree the service gained in impressiveness from the unique historic traditions of the church, or from the number and 'status' of the great congregation there assembled; but certainly these silent influences lost nothing in the dignified and stately presence of the preacher. Here was one called to bear glad tidings unto men, or, if need be, flash the light of God's truth upon the shams of the world: here was a personality breathing lofty purpose and heartfelt faith. No wonder that the sympathy of all was unified and closely kept from the very first: the common feeling of ths listeners seemed to catch in all its freshness and beauty the very spirit of the preacher. The sermon was against pride—pride of birth, pride of education, pride of wealth, pride of creed—and was driven home with a prodigality of illustration at times almost bewildering. A theme more appropriate for the occasion could not well have been chosen. University men, graduate and undergraduate alike, are not usually to be found among the humble and lowly in spirit.

In the evening of the same day there was a particular fine 'Balliol Concert,' and several students of Manchester College evidenced their good taste by taking advantage of it. Under the direction of Mr. Farmer these concerts have been a complete success, and at 9 p.m., the hour for starting, the Balliol Hall is literally crammed with an audience made up for the most part of university men and friends—many of whom are ladies. The master attends regularly, and at his entrance all stand respectfully, remaining so until he is seated. The programme for the evening is then proceeded with. On this particular occasion Mozart, Handel, Purcell, Schubert, Brahms, and Bach, were represented. The first item was Mozart's Concerto for the pianoforte, in D minor, (with accompaniment of string orchestra.) Oh, the beauty, the speaking sweetness of the Romanza movement! All the charm of mediæval chivalry—with its tourneys, its proud knights and gentle dames, sang from the passionate strings. It was a lovely dream, which was rudely dissolved by the conventional and inevitable clapping of hands. Miss Sichel, a young lady with a really excellent voice, then sang two songs, of which Purcell's 'Nymphs and Shepherds' was most appreciated. She gave us during the evening four songs in all, one in English, one in Italian, and two in German. Schubert's 'Nacht und Träume' was particularly sweet. However, we must not linger over details. These few notes will give an idea of the character of the entertainment.

When we say that in addition to the University Sermon in the morning and the Balliol Concert in the evening, some of us on this 24th day of November also attended the service at M.C., and the 'Wordsworth Afternoon' at Prof. Carpenter's between-whiles, doubts may be raised in certain minds as to whether such abnormal activity is consonant with the spirit of the fourth commandment. We for our own part are content to confess that such 'days of rest' are by no means uncommon among the neophytes of Manchester College, Oxford.

One of our American Students has sent me his impressions of Oxford:

Had I spent but two hours instead of two months in Oxford, it would have been much easier to give in a few lines my impressions of that unique city. Coming from America to Oxford one is fairly dazzled by the wealth of art and architecture to be met with at every turn.—Not even the November fogs have had the slightest dampening effect upon our enthusiasm. What a joy to wander through the 'quads' and gardens of Christ Church, Merton, Magdalen, and New College! What food for fancy is a walk round the Camera by moonlight! Can we ever forget the richness and delicacy of the Cathedral, the wonderful fan-shaped roof of Christ Church, and Wolsey's ample kitchen, or the quaint old library of Merton, and that of Duke Humphrey's in the Bodleian? What a contrast is all this to a Western American town, where wooden shanties of a day's growth and the daily newspaper are the only things in the way of art and architecture the inhabitants can boast.

Another Oxford institution which strongly appeals to us cold-water Yankees is the delightful custom of drinking afternoon tea. Who that has enjoyed that delicious beverage, as prepared by an Oxford Professor's wife can ever forget its fragrance and relish. What would not an Oxford student forego rather than his afternoon tea.

But that which delighted me most of all was neither the well-stocked libraries, the Mediæval architecture, nor the warm hospitality which abounds in Oxford—that which impressed and pleased me most was the rich opportunities Oxford presents of listening to the living voice of its greatest men. Both inside and outside the University one may hear the latest deliverances on art, science, literature, sociology, theology and philosophy. Is it not a liberal education to have listened to men like Palgrave on 'Landscape in Poetry,' Tylor on 'Primitive Culture,' Joyce on 'Assyriology,' Carpenter, Cheyne, and Driver on 'the History of the Religion of Israel,' Sidney Webb and William Morris on 'Socialism,' and Wallace and Caird on 'Philosophy,' to say nothing of Gore and Farrar on 'Religion.'

Socialism has been considerably to the fore in Oxford this term. The University Fabian Society has already a firm foundation, and is extending its operations and influence. It is treated with respect, including, as it does, among its members, many of the best men, graduate and undergraduate, of the University. A course of four lectures on 'The Bases of Socialism' has been arranged for the object of which is specially educative and not merely propagandist. The first of the series on 'The Economic Basis' was given by Mr. Sidney Webb, and with the consent of our Principal, was held in our College Lecture Room. The lecture was suited to by an academic audience and was well received. Mr. Graham Wallas—our Sociology Lecturer, 1893, in an after speech, spoke highly of our College and its principles, and the many 'Varsity' men present greeted what he

* This letter from our Oxford Correspondent was held over from January owing to the pressure of space.

said with applause. Some of us were privileged to meet Mr. and Mrs. Webb at their 'At Home,' in Mr. Ball's rooms at John's, The remaining three lectures of the series on the historic, the industrial, and the moral bases of socalism, will be given next term.

The usual terminal election of a President of the Union was accompanied by an unfortunate incident. Some over-zealous partisans of the Conservative candidate issued posters reflecting on the fact that the other candidate was a non-conformist. The latter got in by a large majority, and the Union authorities expressed the feeling of most of its members by endeavouring to discover the perpetrators of so great an outrage, regarding with contempt so ignominious a descent into the vulgar arena of parliamentary elections.

Mr. Armstrong gave us the annual course of lectures on 'The Practical Work of the Ministry.' He gave us two written lectures and three 'causeries,' which were suggestive and helpful. The 'course' was appreciated by all. Perhaps the great value of these 'extraordinary' functions is that we have an excellent opportunity of becoming acquainted with a fresh individuality. A novel and valuable part of the course consisted in the reading of several letters Mr. Armstrong had received from lay friends on this important subject.

Mr. Conybeare's lectures on 'Demonology,' a weekly summary of which appeared in the *Inquirer*, were well attended, our lecture room being quite full on each occasion.

We have been studying Wordsworth at Professor Carpenter's 'At Home,' on Sunday afternoons. We dipped into the criticisms of Lowell, Pater, and Caird, and read the prelude.

Our special preachers this term were Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Addis. The Master of Balliol was present on the latter occasion. Mr. Addis was a student at Balliol at the same time as Caird. Some of us were intolerant enough when Mr. Addis gave the inaugural address the last session to object to his peculiar Christology. We trust we have by this time penetrated deeper into the principles and spirit of our college, and that we have come to regard the spirit more than the letter.

Professor Odgers gave a lecture on "Ravenna," illustrated by most beautiful magic lantern slides at our last Social Union, and afforded us a very enjoyable evening.

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NOTICE.—It is requested that all accounts may be paid to Mr. ARNOLD WOOD, 31, Paradise Street, Birmingham. *The Seed Sower* can be supplied with blank covers for congregational purposes at cheap rates. *The Seed Sower* is a high-class and interesting magazine, admirably adopted for circulation among both friends and strangers. Each number contains a sermon by one of our best preachers, a page for children, original poetry, and articles of permanent value. The staff of contributors include the Revs. S. A. Brooke, M.A., J. E. Carpenter, M.A., J. E. Odgers, M.A., Edgar Fripp, B.A., Ambrose Bennett, M.A., H. Gow, B.A., etc., etc.

Notes on Armenia.

The Seed Sower is not a political organ, and in its dealings with public questions we have endeavoured to keep it clear of party strife. But if it is necessary to stifle the instincts of humanity in order to give no offence to politicians on one side or the other, we must decline that ignoble part. No true heart, moved by simple human feeling, can view the action, or rather inaction, of England in Armenia without shame and humiliation. The horrible atrocities which have stained the Turkish name with a deeper infamy than ever, are events for which England is not without responsibility. When, seventeen years ago, after the Turko-Russian war, Lords Beaconsfield and Salisbury upset the Treaty of San Stefano which placed the Christians of Armenia under Russian protection, it was with the distinct pledge to Europe that we ourselves would secure justice for these long-suffering subjects of the Sultan. Yet from that hour until now we have done nothing to alleviate a single pang or to right a single wrong of the race we took under our guardianship. Things have gone from bad to worse, while England looks on with her hands tied behind her back by that fetish of Lord Salisbury's, the European concert, and the great powers stand united only in their confessed impotence to do anything. The Sultan has triumphed all along the line, and the humiliation of England is complete. Lord Salisbury's brave words at the Mansion House have proved to be empty as a swollen bladder. The removal of the English fleet from Turkish waters completes the shameful tale of failure and betrayal.

The triumphant shouts with which Lords Beaconsfield and Salisbury returned from Berlin in 1878, bringing back with them as they boasted "Peace with honour," must now be remembered by many with an uneasy conscience. That famous phrase now turns out to be "Peace with dishonour to the English name."

Lord Salisbury is often spoken of by his admirers as a strong man. His defeat by the Sultan proves him to be weak as water. Bismarck appears to have taken his measure when he described him as "A lath painted to look like iron."

During the year 1895, 60,000 Armenians—men, women, and children—have been cruelly put to death, 2500 towns and villages have been sacked and burned to the ground, half a million of peaceful citizens have been robbed of every penny they possessed and turned homeless upon the world, and all this has been accompanied by tortures before which the horrors of the Inquisition pale their fires. Yet England has done absolutely nothing to stay this awful massacre and devastation. On the contrary, we propped up the Sultan's throne with our bayonets in the Crimean war, and interfered after the Turco-Russian war to hand back the Christians of Armenia to the tender mercies of the Turk and the Kurd.

What a frenzy seized the British public in 1854-5 when the "Gentlemanly Turk" called upon us for aid in fighting Russia. "Madness ruled the hour." Even the mind of Tennyson lost its wonted calmness, and descended to the fierce language of the fish-market. He raved at John Bright as—

> "This broad-brimmed hawker of holy things,
> Whose ear is crammed with his cotton, and rings
> Even in dreams to the chink of his pence,
> This huxter put down war!"

But now everyone admits John Bright to have been a true prophet and altogether in the right about the Crimean War.

It was an awful thing that England's wealth and valour should have been ranged on the side of the Crescent rather than the Cross. From that day to this we have seen the allies, for whom we lavished oceans of blood and treasure, degenerating day by day, despising every social and civilising art, reluctantly granting reforms on paper which were never meant to be carried out, hating the light wherever it appears, maintaining their national existence by the arts of the gambler, torturing with unspeakable barbarities and exterminating with fiendish cruelties the Christian races. The character of Turkish rule may be graduated in three words,—earthly, sensual, devilish! And still England stands by without one effective effort to stay hell's reign.

One true manly voice at any rate has been heard on behalf of the wronged and the oppressed. William Watson, in his "Sonnets on the Purple East," has sounded a note not unworthy of great Oliver's great secretary, John Milton. Here is the last of the number:—

> Still on life's loom the infernal warp and weft
> Woven each hour! Still in august renown
> A great realm watching, under God's great frown!
> Ever the same! The little children cleft
> In twain; the little tender maidens reft
> Of Maidenhood! And through a little town
> A stranger journeying wrote this record down,—
> "In all the place there was not one man left."
> O friend, the sudden lighting of whose pen
> Makes Horror's countenance visible afar,
> And Desolation's face familiar,
> I think this very England of my ken,
> Is wondrous like that little town, where are
> In all the streets and houses *no more men!*

To rule is to serve.

Death will take nothing from us that we shall care to keep.

The worst sins are the little continuous ones. White ants pick a carcase sooner than a lion will.

However strong a man's resolution may be, it costs him something to carry it out now and then. We may determine not to gather any cherries, and keep our hands steadily in our pockets, but we can't prevent our mouths from watering.

Much of our early gladness vanishes utterly from our memory; we can never recall the joy with which we laid our heads on our mother's bosom, or rode our father's back in childhood; doubtless that joy is wrought up into our nature as the sunlight of long-past mornings is wrought up in the soft mellowness of the apricot.

A man must not only desire to be right—he must be right. You may say, "I wish to send this ball so as to kill the lion crouching yonder, ready to spring upon me. My wishes are all right, and I hope Providence will direct the ball." Providence won't. You must do it; and if you do not, you are a dead man.

The Christian's Fatherland.

Where is the Christian's Fatherland?
Is it the Holy Hebrew Land?
In Nazareth's vale, on Zion's steep,
Or by the Galilean deep?
Where pilgrim hosts have rushed to lave
Their stains of sin in Jordan's wave,
Or sought to win by brand and blade
The tomb wherein their Lord was laid?

Where is the Christian's Fatherland?
Is it the haunted Grecian strand
Where Apostolic wanderers first
The yoke of Jewish bondage burst?
Or where, on many a mystic page,
Byzantine prelate, Coptic sage,
Fondly essayed to intertwine
Earth's shadows with the Light Divine?

Or is the Christian's Fatherland
Where, with crowned head and croziered hand,
The Ghost of Empire proudly flits
And on the grave of Cæsar sits?
Oh! by those world-embracing walls,
Oh! in those vast and pictured halls,
Oh! underneath that soaring dome,
Shall this not be the Christian's home?

Where is the Christian's Fatherland?
He still looks on from land to land—
Is it where German conscience woke
When Luther's lips of thunder spoke?
Or where by Zurich's shore was heard
The calm Helvetian's earnest word?
Or where, beside the rushing Rhone,
Stern Calvin reared his unseen throne?
Or where from Sweden's snows came forth
The stainless hero of the North?

Or is there yet a closer band—
Our own, our native Fatherland?
Where Law and Freedom side by side
In heaven's behalf have gladly vied?
Where prayer and praise for years have rung
In Shakespeare's accents, Milton's tongue,
Blessing with cadence sweet and grave
The fireside nook, the ocean wave,
And o'er the broad Atlantic hurled,
Wakening to life another world?

No, Christian! no—not even here,
By Christmas hearth or churchyard dear;
Nor yet on distant shores brought nigh
By martyr's blood or prophet's cry—
Nor Western pontiff's lordly name,
Nor Eastern patriarch's hoary fame—
Nor e'en where shone sweet Bethlehem's star;
Thy Fatherland is wider far.

Thy native home is wheresoe'er
Christ's Spirit breathes a holier air;
Where Christ-like Faith is keen to seek
What Truth or Conscience freely speak;
Where Christ-like Love delights to span
The rents that sever man from man;
Where round God's throne His just ones stand—
There, Christian, is Thy Fatherland.

DEAN STANLEY.

Sunday School Lessons on Elements of Morality.

No better hand-book of ethics for Sunday School Lessons can be found than Mrs. Charles Bray's *Elements of Morality* (Longman's). Mr. Ruskin commends it as "out of sight the best in the field." The chief moral duties are traversed in principle and detail, in small space, with winning simplicity, elevated tone, and admirable style. The first part is well adapted for junior classes, while the second part will be found suitable for the senior classes. For Sunday School purposes, however, it has been thought that each lesson should be taught in connection with some passage of Scripture, the one illustrating the other. To meet this view the following table has been drawn up, and it is suggested that the selected passage from the Bible should be read at the beginning of each lesson. Mrs. Bray's work is well known in our Sunday schools, and it is hoped that the Scripture aids here offered may render it still more acceptable.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

TO BE READ WITH LESSONS ON

"THE ELEMENTS OF MORALITY."

PART I.

LESSON 1 (see also Lesson 1, part 2).—1 Cor. xii., 14-26. Paul's parable of the Body and its Members illustrates how we are dependent on each other, and cannot exist alone.

LESSON 2.—Exodus ii., 1-10; Lam. iv., 3. (Draw out the contrast in this verse between a true and a false motherhood. The sea monsters—whales, etc.—look after and feed their young; but the ostrich lays

its egg in the sand, and leaves the sun to hatch it, and never comes near it again)

LESSON 3.—Point out that the stories in Genesis are nearly all stories of Home and Family life. Cain and Abel—Abraham and Isaac—Jacob and Esau—Joseph and his Brethren. Read or tell the story in Gen. xxvii., as illustrating the mingled good and evil there may be in a household—Isaac's love for Esau—Rebekah's love for Jacob—The mischief of favouritism—The deceit of Jacob—The greediness of Esau and want of self control.

LESSON 4.—This lesson may be illustrated by the story of Joseph and his Brethren. Paragraphs 4 and 5 should be read with Joseph's Forgiveness of his Brethren.

LESSON 5.—*Duties of Parents:* (1) To feed and clothe their children—Luke xi., 11-12; 1 Tim. v., 8; 1 Sam. ii., 18-19; (2) To train and educate their children—Deut. vi., 4-9—xxxi., 12-13; Prov. xxii., 6.

LESSON 6.—*Duties of Children:*—Ex. xx., 12; Matt. xv., 4-6; Eph. vi., 1-3; Gen. xlv., 9-14; Luke ii., 51.

LESSON 7.—OBEDIENCE: 1 Sam. xv., 22-25; Prov. iii., 1-4; Col. iii., 20.

LESSON 8.—Making the best of Time; Psa. xc.

LESSON 9.—Making the most of opportunity; John ix., 4-5; Matt. xxi., 28; 1 Thes. iv., 11-12; See also the Parables of the Virgins and the Talents in Matt. xxv.

LESSON 10.—TRUTH: Exo. xx., 16; Psa. xxiv., 13; Psa. lv., 21; Prov. xii., 17, 19-22; Prov. xxvi., 18-28; Jer. ix., 3 8; Eph. iv., 25.

LESSON 11.—Psalm xv.; Ez. xviii., 5 9; Luke iii., 12-14; Courage—see the story of Elijah.

LESSON 12.—GOOD MANNERS, COURTESY, AND REVERENCE: Story of Abraham and Lot; Gen. xiii., 5-12; 1 Peter iii., 8; Ex iii., 1-5.

LESSON 13.—SELF RESPECT: Job xxxi.; Acts xxiii., 1-3.; Luke xix., 8.

PART II.

LESSONS i. & ii.—*Our dependence* on One another: 1 Cor. xii., 14-26; Rom. xiv., 7; Matt. xviii., 6-14.

LESSON iii.—*Social Duty*: Luke x., 25-37.

LESSON iv.—*Social Requirements*: See the Legislation of Moses on (1), the Land, Lev. xxv., 1-34; Usury, 35-38; (3), Serfdom, 39-55; (4), Contagious Disease: Num. v., 1-4; Murder and Manslaughter, Num. xxv.; These passages illustrate the immense importance attached in early days to social legislation and the very advanced and enlightened legislation of the Jews.

LESSON v.—*The Curse of Idleness:* Prov. vi., 6-11—x., 4-5—xx., 4—xxiv., 30-34; 2 Thess. iii., 10-11; *Industry*: Ecc. ix., 10; Eph. iv., 28; 1 Thess. iv., 11.

LESSONS vi. & vii.—*The more we have the more we owe*: Luke xii., 48; Luke xix., 12-26; *How we are debtors to all*: Prov. xxiv., 11-12; 1 Cor. viii., 9-13; 1 Cor. ix., 11, 16-27.

LESSONS viii. & ix.—*Kindness to Animals*: Deut. xxv., 4; Prov. xii., 10; Psa. civ., 10-22; Ex. xxiii., 4-5, 12; Luke xiv., 5.

LESSONS x., xi., xii.—*Rulers and Ruled*: *Law and Liberty*: Num. xxvii., 15-17; Deut. i., 9-18; xvi., 18-20; Rom. xiii., 1-10. *The Downfall of Tyranny;* Rev. xviii.; Matt. xvii., 24-26.

LESSON xiii.—*Patriotism:* Psa. cxxxvii.; Isaiah lxii.

LESSONS xiv. & xv.—*The good that conquers Evil:* Rom. xii., 14-21; Eph. iv., 32; 1 Sam. xxiv., 9-19; Matt. xviii., 15-34.

LESSON xvi.—*The Good that never dies:* Rev. xiv., 13; 1 Cor. iii., 12-15.

LESSON xvii.—*Nature*:—see Psalms viii., xix., civ.

LESSON xviii.—*Union with God:* Psa. xlii., xxxvii., 3-7; Matt. v., 8.

Children's Column.

"IT'S VERY HARD."

"It's very hard to have nothing to eat but porridge, when others have every sort of dainty," muttered Dick, as he sat with his wooden bowl before him. "It's very hard to have to get up so early on these bitter cold mornings, and work all day, when others can enjoy themselves without an hour of labour! It's very hard to have to trudge along through the snow, while others roll about in their coaches!"

"It's a great blessing," said his grandmother, as she sat at her knitting, "to have food when so many are hungry; it's a great blessing to have a roof over one's head when so many are homeless; it's a great blessing to have sight, and hearing, and strength for daily labour, when so many are blind, deaf, or suffering!"

"Why grandmother, you seem to think that *nothing* is hard," said the boy, still in a grumbling tone.

"No, Dick; there is *one* thing that I *do* think very hard."

"What's that?" cried Dick, who thought that at last his grandmother had found some cause for complaint.

"Why, boy, I think *that heart is very hard* that is not thankful for so many blessings."

THE TOY DOG.

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and stanch he stands;
And the little toy soldier is red with rust,
And his musket moulds in his hands.
Time was when the little toy dog was new
And the soldier was passing fair,
And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue
Kissed them and put them there.

"Now don't you go till I come," he said,
"And don't you make any noise!"
So, toddling off to his trundle-bed,
He dreamt of the pretty toys.
And, as he was dreaming, an angel song
Awakened our Little Boy Blue.
Oh, the years are many, the years are long;
But the little toy friends are true.

Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,
Each in the same old place,
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
The smile of a little face.
And they wonder, as waiting these long years through
In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue
Since he kissed them and put them there.

EUGENE FIELD.

A DEFINITION.

"Why, Johnnie, you know what a circumference is?"

"Oh, yes, mamma: it's the distance all around the middle of the outside."

News from the Field.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN UNION.—*Anniversary Services.*—The Exchange Sunday will be on Sunday, March 15th. The Annual Meetings will be held at the Church of the Messiah, Birmingham, on Tuesday, March 17th. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. John Hunter, D.D., of Glasgow. The committee are to be congratulated on having obtained the services of this distinguished congregational minister. We trust all friends of the Union will make an effort to secure a good congregation. Further announcements will be made in the March *Seed Sower*.

BANBURY.—On New Year's day and the day following, the annual New Year's parties were held in the Sunday School of Christchurch Chapel, Horse Fair. On the evening of New Year's day the usual school entertainment was held, when the scholars went through a programme consisting of recitations, dialogues, and musical pieces. The minister (Rev. H. Hill) presided over the meeting. Gifts of clothing were then distributed to the scholars by Mr. and Mrs. Hill. Mr. Edward Cobb and Mrs. Cobb, of Lewes, again sent an excellent parcel of clothing for the children. On the following day the scholars had their annual tea and games and recreation in the schoolroom. A fair number of parents and members of the congregation were present.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, January 10th, in the Temperance Institute, at a social meeting to which the members of the Birmingham Executive of the United Kingdom Alliance had been invited by the vice-president (Mr. J. Slack), a presentation was made to the Rev. J. C. Street, who is president of the Executive. The presentation consisted of an illuminated address, in which the hope was expressed that Birmingham might still retain Mr. Street's valuable services. The address assured Mr. Street of the admiration felt by the signatories for his high character, his personal qualities, his devotion to duty, his catholicity of spirit, his fidelity to the principles and policy of the Alliance, and his unstinted services in the cause of temperance, morality, and political purity, services rendered not only in Birmingham, but in other large centres of population. The address was signed by the Executive and Officers of the Birmingham Auxiliary. It was presented by Mr. Slack; County Councillor Malins (G.C.T.); the Revs. J. N. Knight and A. Sharp, and Messrs. G. J. Hutson, Phillips, Lucas, and Moseley taking part in the presentation. An afternoon tea service was presented to Mrs. Street by Mr. Moseley (secretary) on behalf of the Executive. Mr. and Mrs. Street, who were much affected by the kind feeling shown towards them, gratefully acknowledged the gifts.

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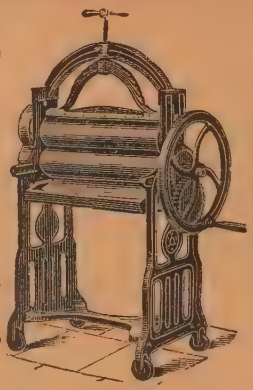

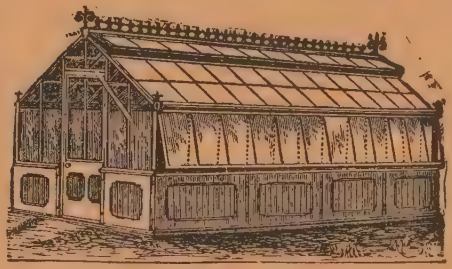

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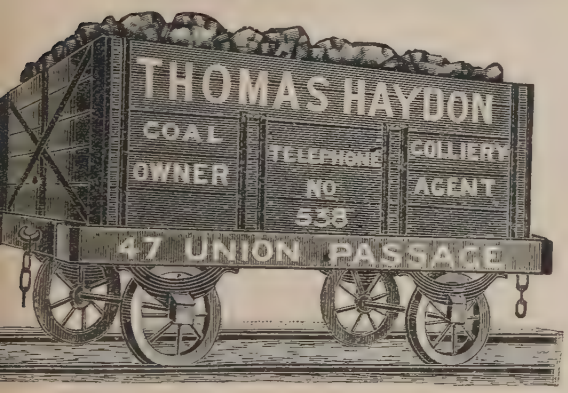

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THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

WILL BE HELD AT THE

Old Meeting Church, Birmingham, on Monday, March 12th, 1894.

ASSEMBLY (FOR BUSINESS) AT 12 O'CLOCK.

CONFERENCE, TO BE OPENED BY THE REV. W. G. TARRANT, B.A., AT 3-30.

Subject—"Present Day Priests and the Free Churches."

SERMON BY THE REV. W. E. ADDIS, AT 7-30.

Luncheon will be provided at 2 o'clock, at the Colonnade Hotel. Tickets Free to Delegates and Ministers. Other Friends can purchase Tickets at **2s.**

Tea in the Old Meeting Schoolroom, at 6 o'clock.—FREE.

A COLLECTION WILL BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE UNION AFTER THE SERMON.

Midland Church Calendar for March.

ALCESTER: The Old Meeting House.
Minister: Rev. John Dale, Salford House. Service at 3 p.m.

ATHERSTONE: Unitarian Chapel.
Minister: Rev. J. Howard, of Tamworth. Service at 3 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM: Church of the Messiah, Broad Street.
Minister: Rev. James Crossley, 5, Wyndham Road. Services: 11 and 6-30.

BIRMINGHAM: The Hurst Street Mission.
Minister: Rev. W. J. Clarke, 160, Pershore Road. Services: 10-15, 2-45, and 6-30.

BIRMINGHAM: The Fazeley Street Mission.
Minister: Rev. T. Pipe, 59, Great Brook Street. Services: 11 and 6-30.

BIRMINGHAM: The Newhall Hill Church.
Minister: Rev. A. A. Charlesworth, 18, South Road, Handsworth. Services: 11 and 6-30.

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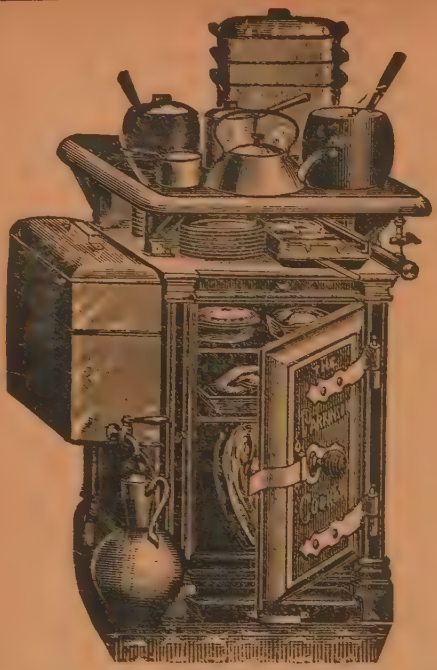

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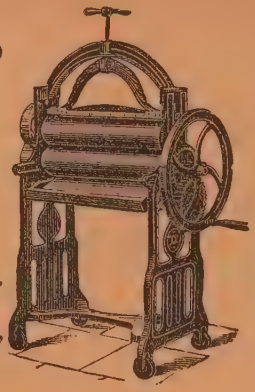

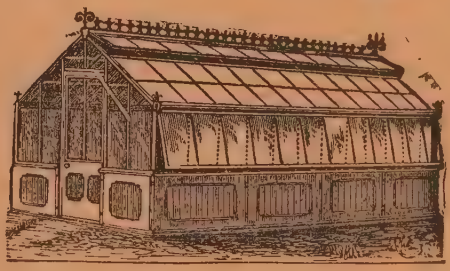

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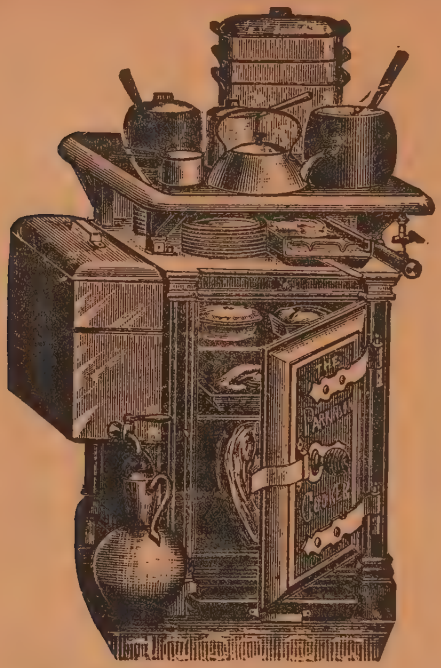

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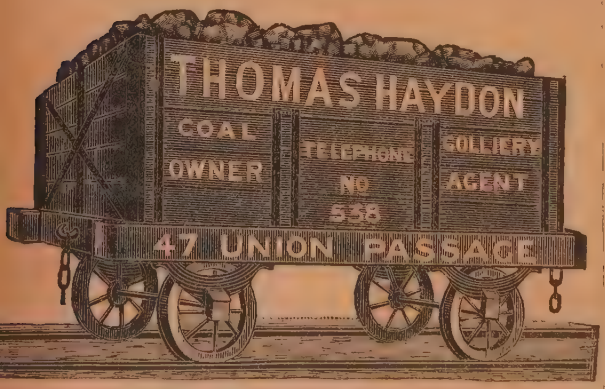

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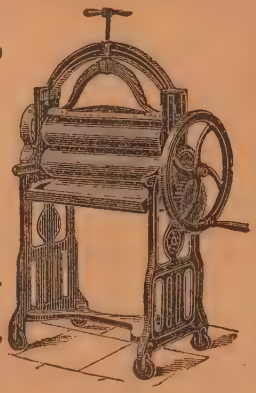

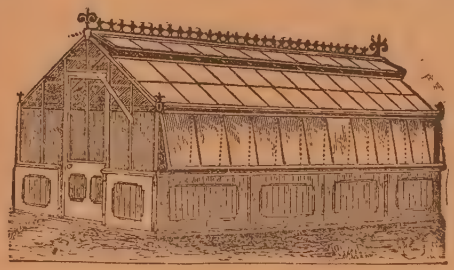

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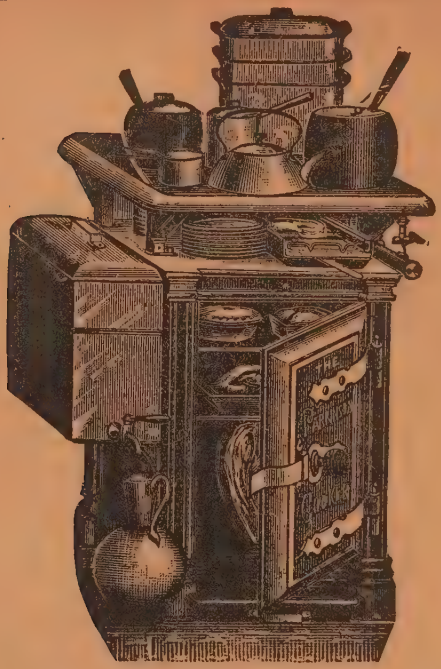

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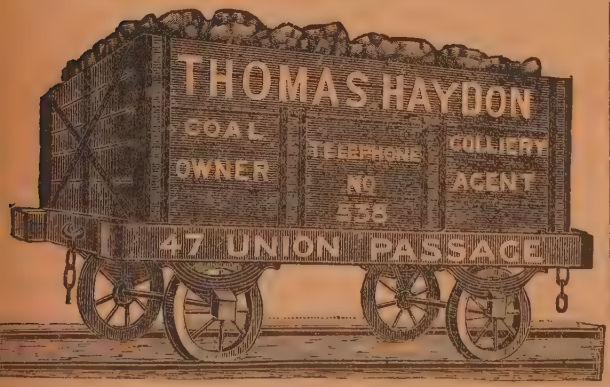

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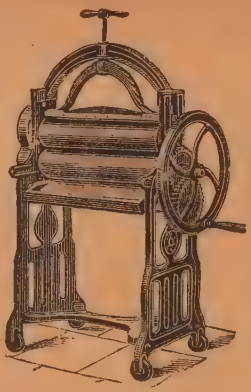

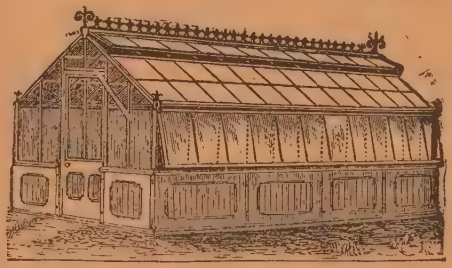

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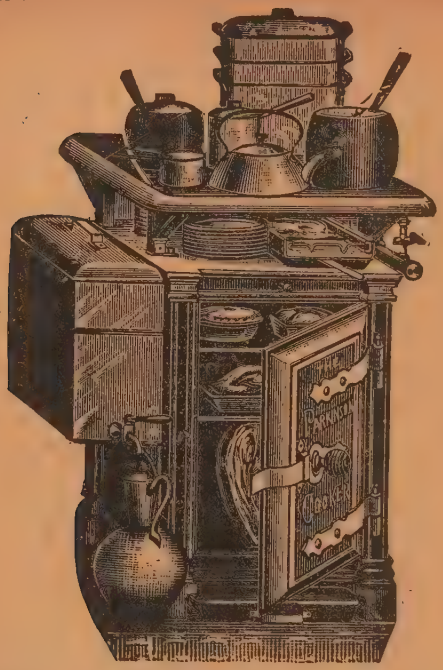

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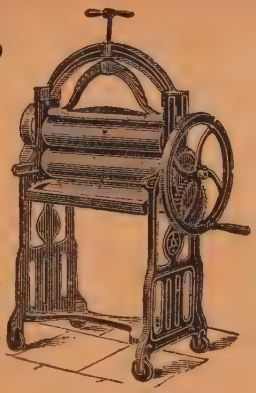

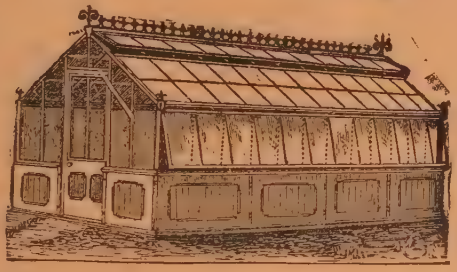

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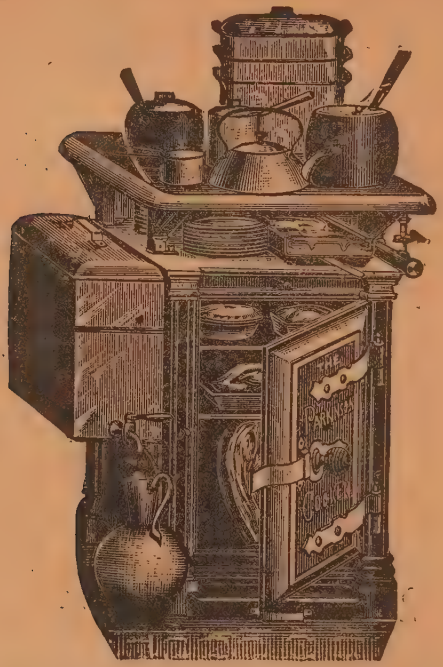

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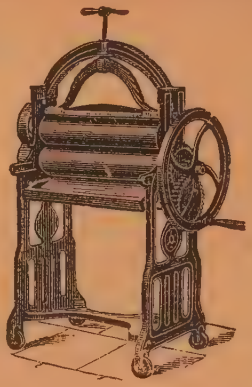

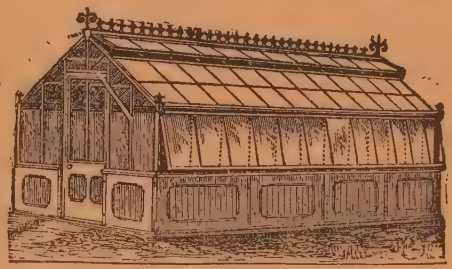

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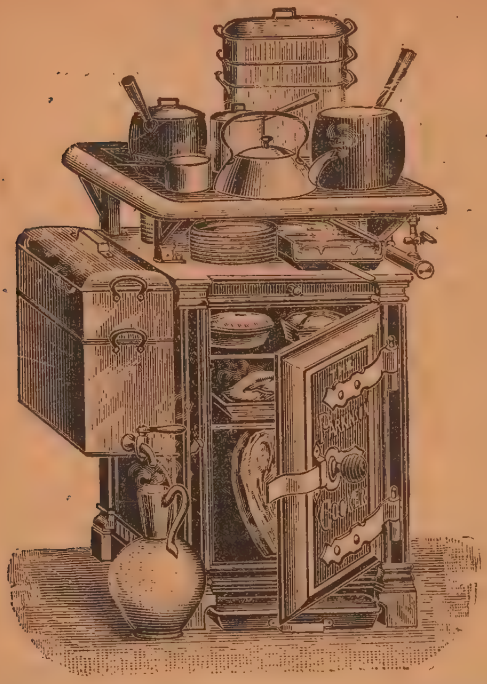

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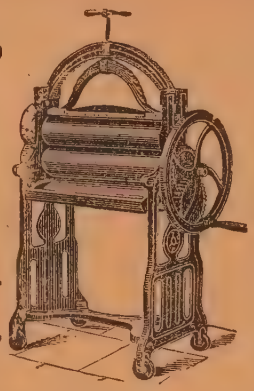

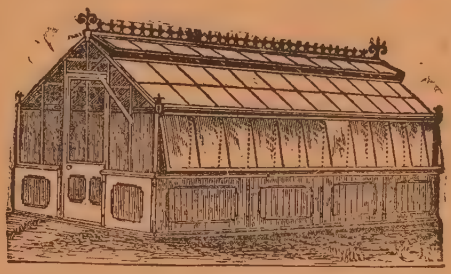

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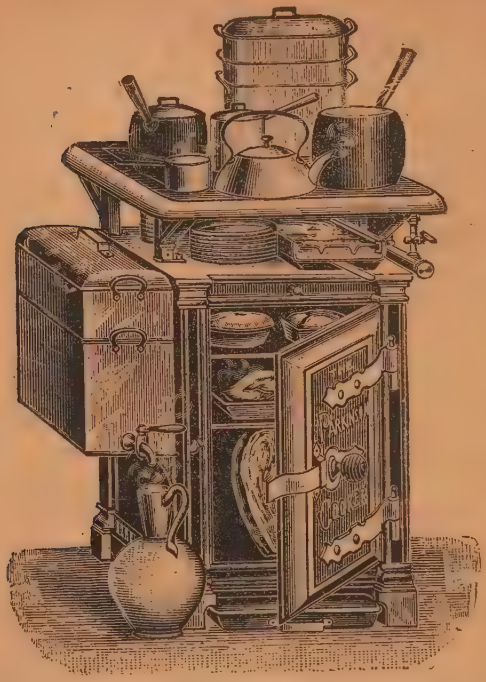

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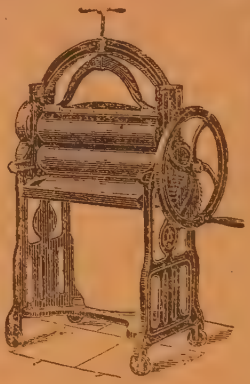

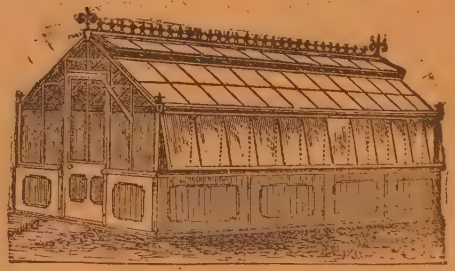

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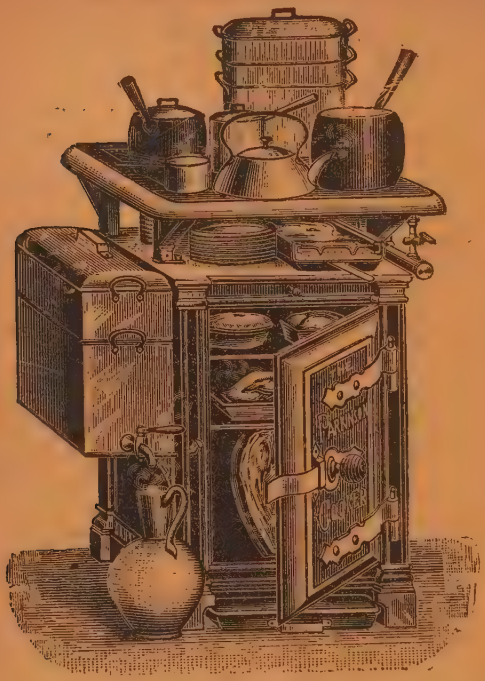

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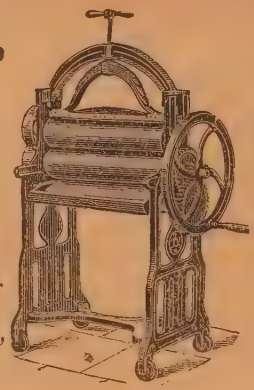

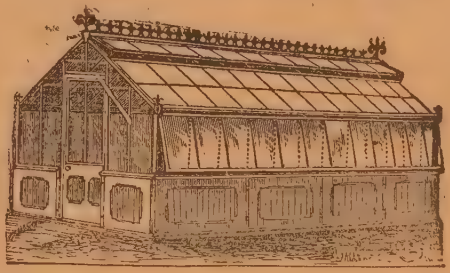

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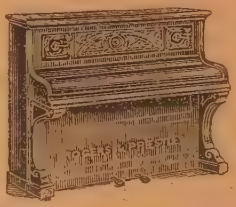

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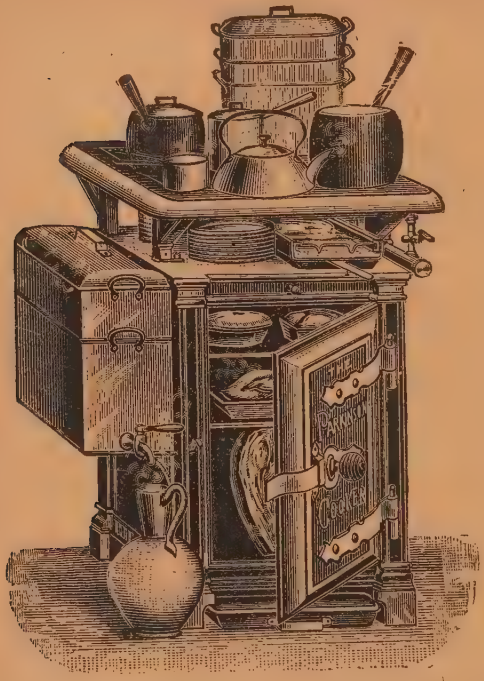

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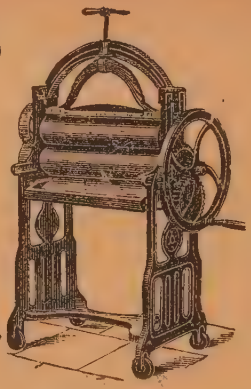

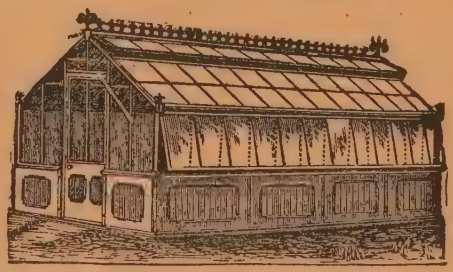

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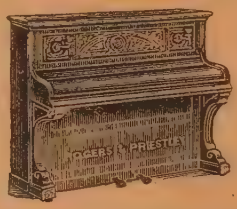

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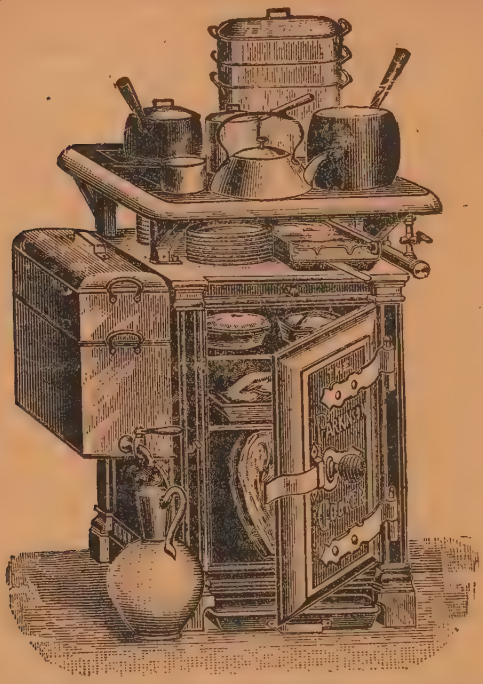

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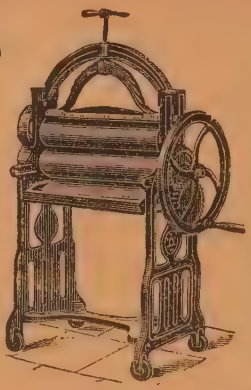

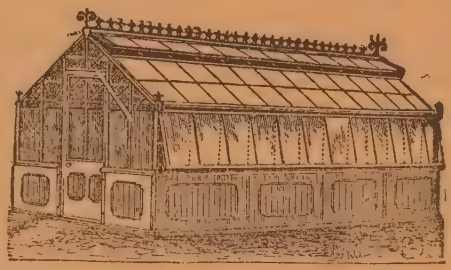

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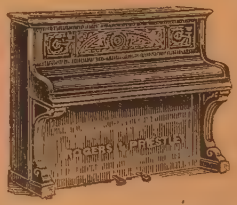

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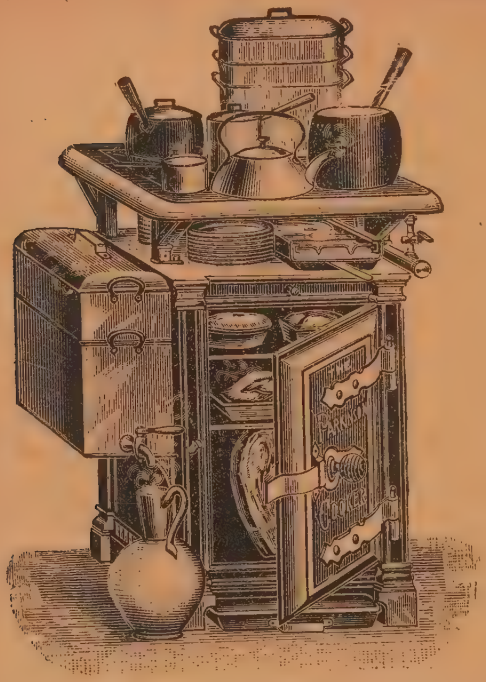

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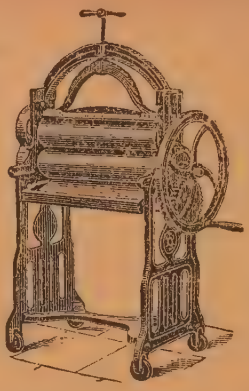

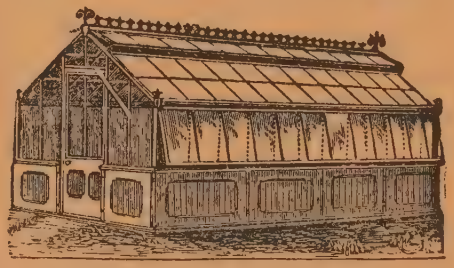

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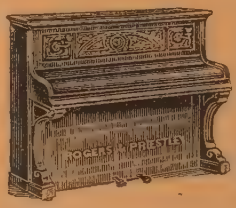

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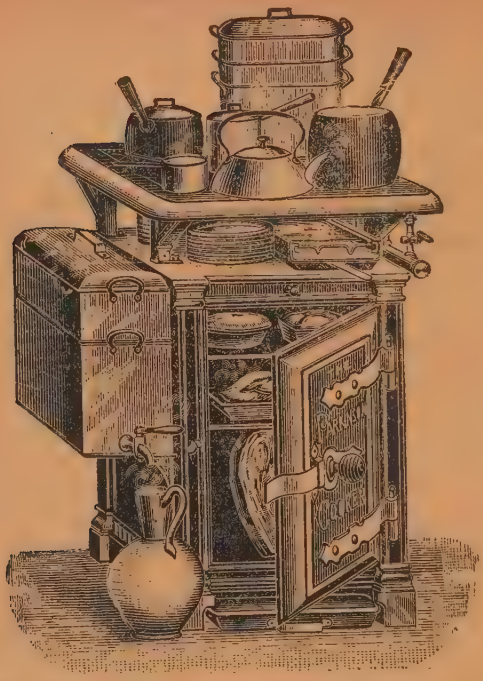

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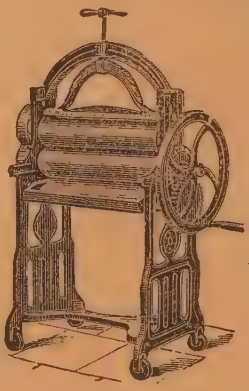

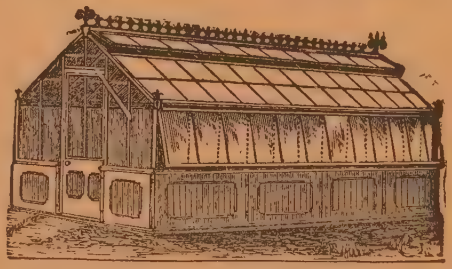

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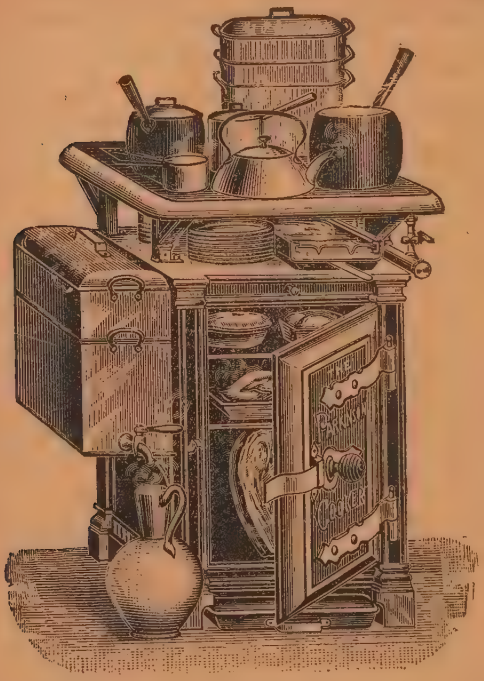

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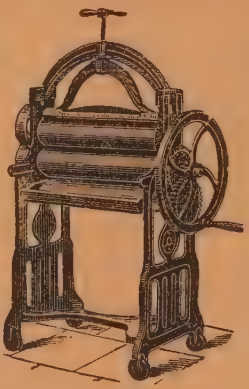

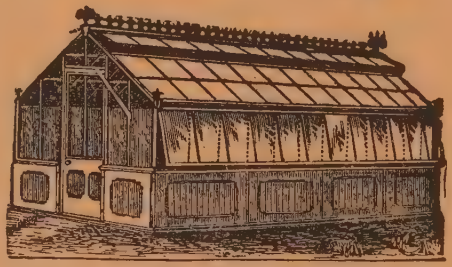

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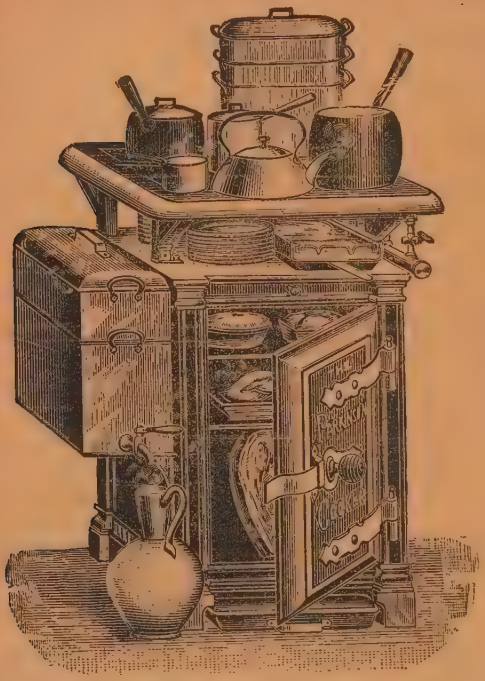

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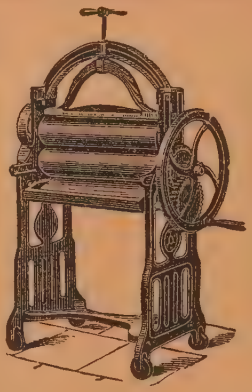

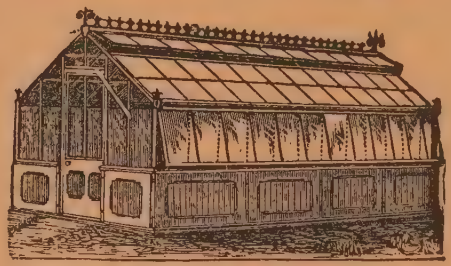

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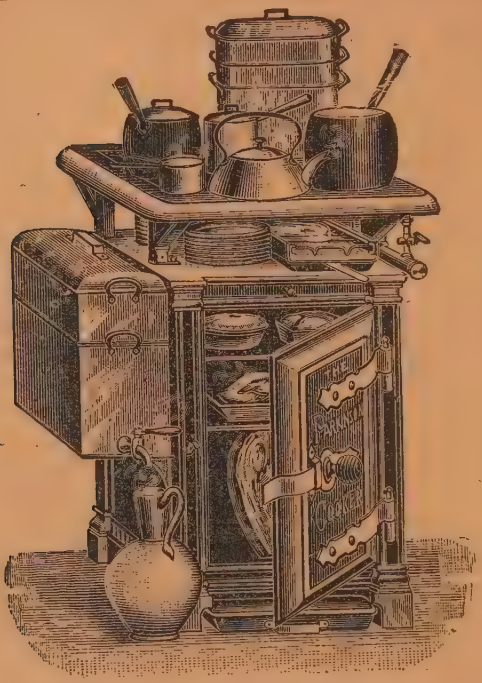

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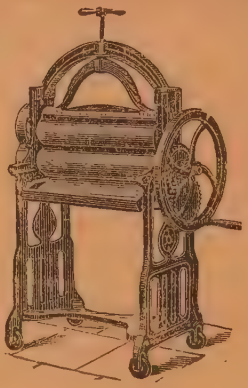

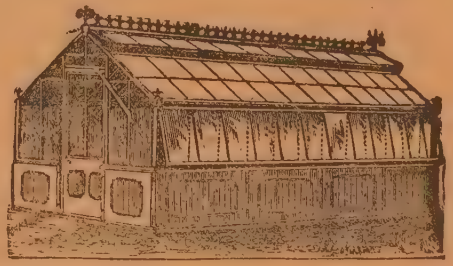

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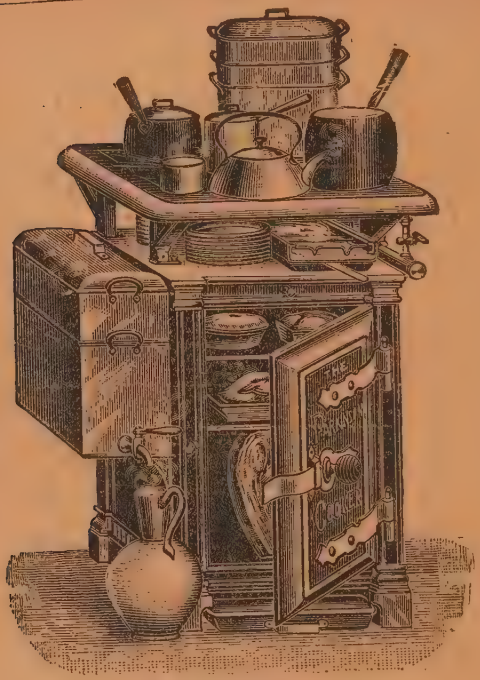

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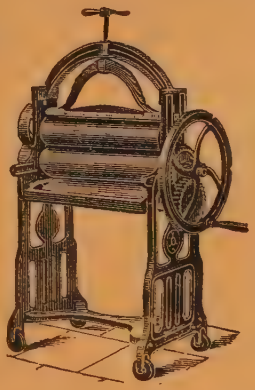

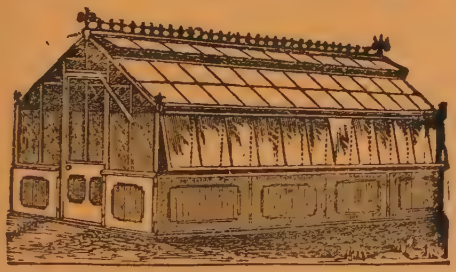

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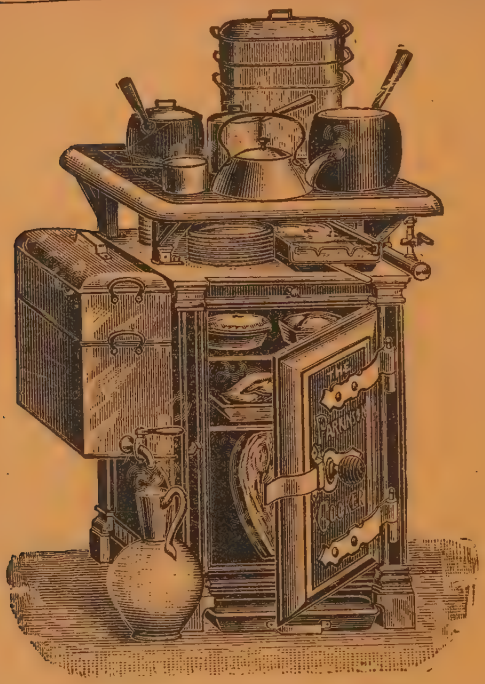

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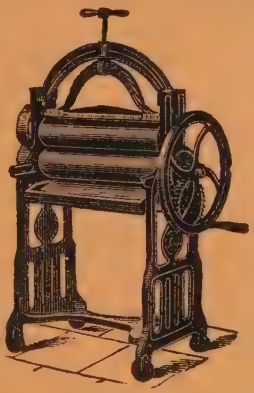

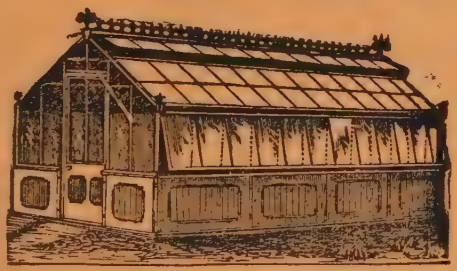

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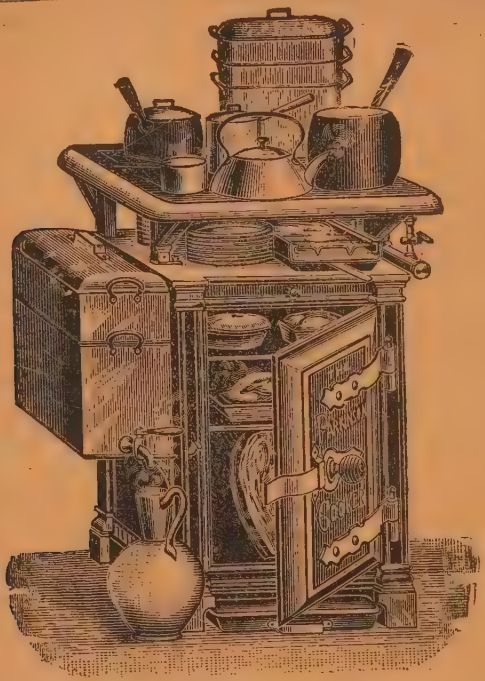

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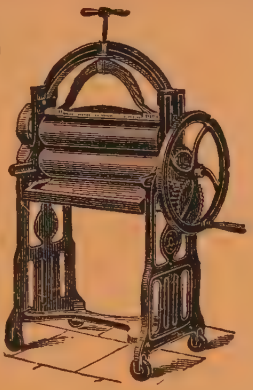

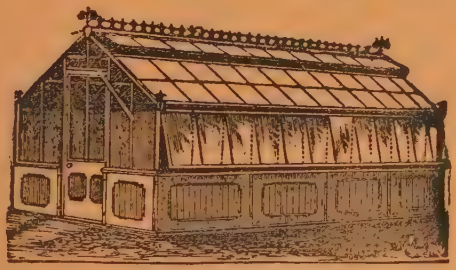

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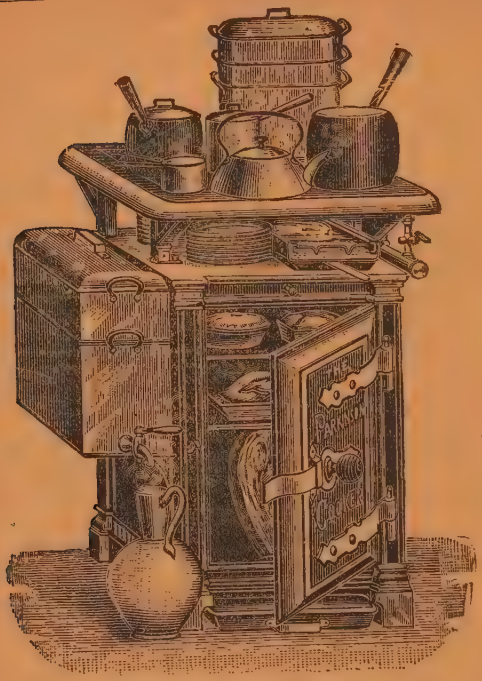

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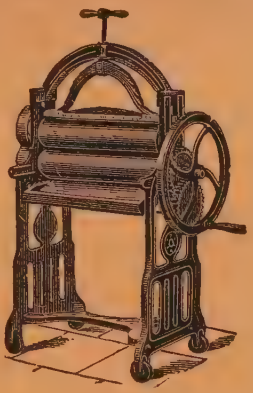

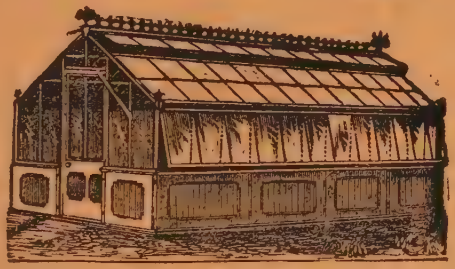

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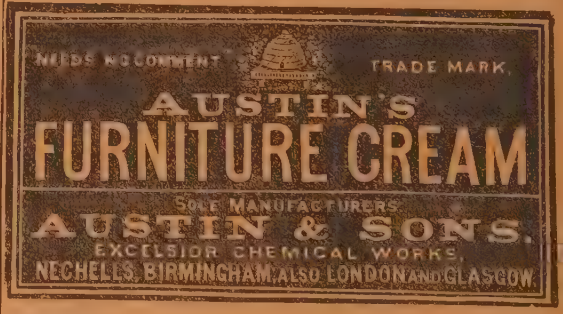

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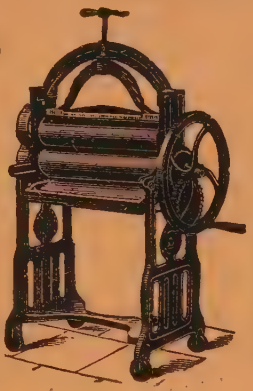

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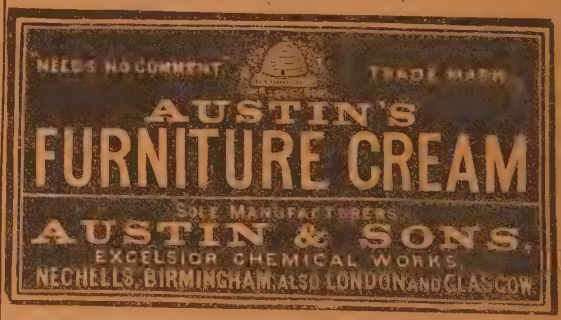

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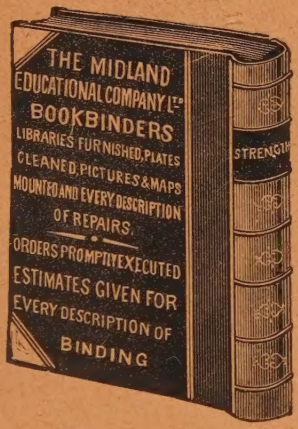

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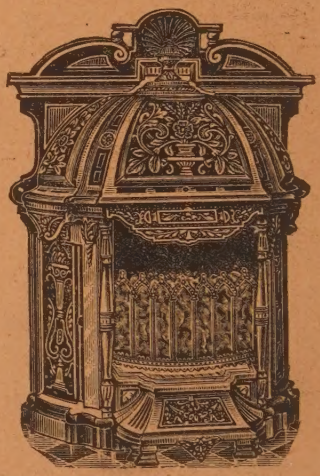

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